

Claims

1. A method for selective handling of user equipment in a telecommunications network, wherein a Service Control Point (SCP1) performs the steps of:
 - 5 - receiving (S101) a service request;
 - determining (S102, S106, S107) a user equipment identifier;
 - requesting (S103, S108) a user equipment attribute;
 - receiving (S104, S109) the user equipment attribute; and
 - initiating (S111) an appropriate action based on the user equipment attribute.
- 10 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication that the user equipment is not permitted for use and wherein the step of initiating an appropriate action based on the user equipment attribute comprises a step of initiating the termination of servicing the user equipment.
- 15 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication that the user equipment is permitted for use and wherein the step of initiating an appropriate action based on the user equipment attribute comprises a step of continuing servicing the user equipment.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user equipment attribute comprises an indication of a particular deficiency of the user equipment.
- 20 5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the step of initiating an appropriate action based on the user equipment attribute comprises a step of initiating an appropriate deficiency handling based on said particular deficiency.
6. The method as claimed in any of the previous claims, wherein the step of determining a user equipment identifier comprises a step of receiving the user equipment identifier in the service request.
- 25 7. The method as claimed in any of the previous claims, wherein the step of determining a user equipment identifier comprises the steps of:

- requesting a user equipment identifier from a user equipment; and
 - receiving the user equipment identifier from the user equipment.
8. A Service Control Point (SCP5) for a telecommunications network comprising a service handling unit (SHU5) for handling a service request, a processing unit (PU5) for controlling further units and a user equipment identifier determining unit (IDU5) for determining a user equipment identifier, characterised in that the Service Control Point further comprises an interface unit (IFA5) for requesting a user equipment attribute and receiving the user equipment attribute.
- 5 9. The Service Control Point as claimed in claim 8, wherein the Service Control Point is adapted to handling a user equipment attribute that comprises an indication that the user equipment is not permitted for use and wherein the Service Control Point further comprises a service termination unit (STU5) for initiating the termination of servicing the user equipment.
- 10 10. The Service Control Point as claimed in claim 8, wherein the Service Control Point is adapted to handling a user equipment attribute that comprises an indication of a particular deficiency of the user equipment.
- 15 11. The Service Control Point as claimed in claim 10, wherein the Service Control Point further comprises a deficiency handling unit (DHU5) for initiating an appropriate deficiency handling based on the particular deficiency.
- 20 12. The Service Control Point as claimed in any of the claims 8 to 11, wherein the service handling unit is arranged to process a user equipment identifier in the service request.
13. The Service Control Point as claimed in any of the claims 8 to 12, wherein the Service Control Point further comprises an interface unit (IFI5) for requesting a user equipment identifier and receiving the user equipment identifier.
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